

### Republika e Kosovës

### Republika Kosovo-Republic of Kosovo

Kuvendi - Skupština - Assembly

Law No. 03/L-190

#### ON OFFICIAL GAZETTE OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO

#### Assembly of Republic of Kosovo;

Based on Article 65 (1) of Constitution of the Republic of Kosovo,

Approves

#### LAW ON OFFICIAL GAZETTE OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO

### Article 1 Purpose and scope

- 1. The present Law shall regulate the procedures for publication of the Official Gazette of the Republic of Kosovo as well as the rights, duties and responsibilities of the Office for Publication of Official Gazette.
- 2. Official Gazette of the Republic of Kosovo shall be the sole official publication in the Republic of Kosovo, in which Laws and other acts adopted by institutions of the Republic of Kosovo shall be published.

### Article 2 Definitions

- 1. For the purposes of this law, terms and abbreviations used herein shall have the following meanings:
  - 1.1. **Official Gazette -** the Official Gazette of the Republic of Kosovo.

- 1.2. **The Office -** the Office for Publication of Official Gazette of the Republic of Kosovo, which operates within the Office of Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo.
- 1.3. **Publication of Official Gazette -** the publication of Official Gazette in printed (on paper) and electronic version (in **Official Gazette** webpage).
- 1.4. **Official Gazette Webpage -** the electronic internet page where all laws and other legal acts adopted by institutions of the Republic of Kosovo are published.
- 1.5. **Index of the Official Gazette -** the list of all Laws and sub-legal acts published in the Official Gazette.

## Article 3 Contents of the Official Gazette

- 1. Official Gazette of the Republic of Kosovo contains:
  - 1.1. Emblem of the Republic of Kosovo;
  - 1.2. Designation/ the Official Gazette of the Republic of Kosovo;
  - 1.3. Ordinal number;
  - 1.4. Year of publication (date, month and year);
  - 1.5. Place of publication.
- 2. Designation, year of publication, and number of the Official Gazette shall be clearly indicated in all pages of the Official Gazette.

## Article 4 Publication of the Official Gazette

- 1. Publication of Official Gazette of the Republic of Kosovo (Official Gazette) shall be done in printed and electronic version.
- 2. The following legal acts shall be published in Official Gazette of the Republic of Kosovo:
  - 2.1. Constitution of the Republic of Kosovo;
  - 2.2. laws adopted by Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo and promulgated by President of the Republic of Kosovo;

- 2.3. laws adopted by Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo pursuant to paragraph 4 and 5 of Article 80 of Constitution of the Republic of Kosovo;
- 2.4. international agreements, ratified in accordance with article 18 of Constitution of the Republic of Kosovo;
- 2.5. decisions of the Constitutional Court;
- 2.6. decrees of President of the Republic of Kosovo in cases when requested by the President;
- 2.7. declarations and resolutions adopted by Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo, in cases when requested by the President of the Assembly.
- 2.8. Sub-legal acts of the Government and ministries in cases when requested by the Prime Minister.
- 2.9. other acts determined by special Laws.
- 2.10. annual Official Gazette INDEX
- 3. Printed versions published in Official Gazette and those published in electronic version shall be equal.

### Article 5 Language

The Official Gazette of Republic of Kosovo shall be published in Albanian, Serbian, Bosnian, Turkish and English language.

### Article 6 Sending the legal acts to the Office for Publication of the Official Gazette

- 1. Legal acts determined in Article 4 of this Law, shall be published in Official Gazette only when such a legal act is received by the Office for Publication of the Official Gazette in its final original signed version, with a request by the entity issuing such legal act.
- 2. All institutions shall be under the obligation to send to the Office for Publication of the Official Gazette the legal acts to be published in Official Gazette in printed and electronic version.

## Articles 7 Obligations of institutions publishing their legal acts in Official Gazette

- 1. The Secretary of the Office of the President or a person duly authorized by him shall send other legal acts issued by the President of the Republic of Kosovo for publication to Official Gazette.
- 2. The Secretary of the Assembly or a person duly authorized by him shall send Laws and other legal acts adopted by Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo for publication to Official Gazette.
- 3. The Permanent Secretary or a person duly authorized by him shall send legal acts issued by Government of the Republic of Kosovo for publication to Official Gazette.
- 4. The Permanent Secretary or a person duly authorized by him shall send legal acts issued by ministries for publication to Official Gazette.
- 5. The body or institution duly authorized to enter different agreements shall send the relevant agreements for publication to Official Gazette.
- 6. Title holder of the institution, entity or organization issuing other legal acts shall send the relevant legal acts for publication to Official Gazette.
- 7. Title holder of the institution shall be responsible for the sending of final legal act for publication in Official Gazette.
- 8. All institutions shall be under the obligation to send all legal acts to the Office for Publication of the Official Gazette within 5 (five) days from the moment of their issuance.
- 9. The entity or institution, which has send a legal act or document for publication, shall be responsible for any inaccuracy, discrepancy or error in the content of the legal act, any inconsistency in translation of the legal act or document, or any legal impediment to publication.

# Article 8 Publication of legal acts issued by the international institutions

- 1. Legal acts issued by the international intuitions operating in the Republic of Kosovo shall be published in Official Gazette through the Prime Minister.
- 2. International institutions shall ensure that the legal act preceded for publication in Official Gazette is the final version as established in provisions of this Law.

3. Prime Minister shall issue decision regarding publication procedures of legal acts of international institutions.

## Article 9 Rights of institutions publishing their legal acts in Official Gazette

- 1. Local institutions shall be entitled to request from the Office for Publication of the Official Gazette to have the final versions of their legal acts published in Official Gazette within the due time, in full compliance with provisions established by this Law.
- 2. Local institutions shall be entitled to request explanations from the Office for Publication of the Official Gazette with respect to eventual delay in publication of their legal act in Official Gazette.

## Article 10 Responsibilities of the Office for Publication of the Official Gazette

- 1. The Office for Publication of the Official Gazette shall be responsible for:
  - 1.1. publication of legal acts sent for publication to the Office for Publication of the Official Gazette, in printed or electronic version, and which meet the criteria established by this Law;
  - 1.2. keeping or unrevealing the confidentiality or the official secret of data of laws and other legal acts unless they are published in Official Gazette in printed or electronic version;
  - 1.3 technical editing of final versions to be published in Official Gazette in printed and electronic version;
  - 1.4. accurate and timely publication of legal acts in Official Gazette in printed and electronic version;
  - 1.5. constant oversight of works related to the accurate and timely publication of legal acts in Official Gazette in printed and electronic version;
  - 1.6. coordinating the works with the economic operator carrying out publication of Official Gazette:
  - 1.7. coordinating the works with economic operator carrying out distribution of Official Gazette;
  - 1.8. coordinating the works with other stakeholders and different donors, in cooperation with the Prime Minister;

- 1.9. cooperating with competent state institutions in securing Official Gazette webpage from possible misuses and maintaining this webpage;
- 1.10. drafting a long-term strategic action plan and office activities;
- 1.11. preparing an annual action report and presenting it to Prime Minister.
- 2. Layout, technical criteria, preparation procedures, authorization of publication, volumes, modality of availability and distribution of copies of Official Gazette as well as the rules on preparation and publication of legal acts in the Office for Publication shall be determined by Administrative Instruction issued by the Prime Minister and proposed by the Director of the Office for Publication of the Official Gazette.
- 3. Official Gazette shall be sent for publication upon the approval and responsibility of the Director of Office for Publication of Official Gazette, and in his absence, by his duly authorized representative.
- 4. Director of the Office for Publication of Official Gazette provides for the receipt of acts from the institutions and for the publication of these acts in Official Gazette in printed and electronic version.

## Article 11 Rights of the Office for Publication of the Official Gazette

- 1. The Office for Publication of the Official Gazette shall have the following rights:
  - 1.1. publish the Official Gazette of the Republic of Kosovo in printed and electronic version;
  - 1.2. republish the Official Gazette in printed and electronic version upon the requests and needs of institutions and citizens;
  - 1.3. enter Memorandums of Understanding with different institutions regarding the advance payment of the Official Gazette, upon the consent of supervising institution;
  - 1.4. enter different agreements with all local and international institutions, having intention to fulfill the duties and mission of the Office for Publication in compliance with supervising institution;
  - 1.5. ask from economic operators to render timely and quality services as envisaged in the contract;
  - 1.6. file suit against all contracting parties that does not fulfill their obligations towards Official Gazette;

1.7. the Office for Publication of the Official Gazette shall have its own official stamp, round stamp and protocol stamp in compliance with law.

#### Article 12 Publication

- 1. Official Gazette shall be published regularly, as appropriate, in printed and electronic version, in languages defined by this Law, but no later than fifteen (15) days from the day of the submission for publication of legal acts as established in Article 4 of this Law.
- 2. Official Gazette shall be published in printed and electronic version upon the urgent needs of institutions of the Republic of Kosovo.
- 3. Special publications of Official Gazette in printed and electronic version shall be issued upon the request of Prime Minister.
- 4. Official Gazette shall be printed by a printing office qualified and selected pursuant to public procurement rules of the Republic of Kosovo.
- 5. The republication of Official Gazette in printed and electronic version, by anyone and by any means, shall be prohibited.
- 6. All users of the materials of the Official Gazette shall indicate name, number and year of publication of the Official Gazette.

## Article 13 Price and distribution of the Official Gazette

- 1. The price of the Official Gazette shall be set by a decision issued by Government of the Republic of Kosovo.
- 2. Upon the suggestion of the Office for Publication of the Official Gazette, the Government of the Republic of Kosovo shall issue a decision on beneficiary subjects and the number of copies of the Official Gazette to be distributed free of charge.
- 3. The Official Gazette in electronic version shall be published on the same day when these legal acts are published in Official Gazette in printed version.
- 4. The Official Gazette in electronic version shall be free of charge for citizens.
- 5. Distribution of copies of the Official Gazette shall be done by the economic operator qualified and selected pursuant to public procurement rules of the Republic of Kosovo.

## Article 14 Funding

- 1. Funding of the Official Gazette shall be done by the budget of the Republic of Kosovo and donors.
- 2. All institutions entering a Memorandum of Understanding with the Office for Publication of the Official Gazette shall be under obligation to conduct the payment for copies of Official Gazette within fifteen (15) days from the day of the receipt of invoice as established by Law on Management of Public Finances.
- 3. Funds generated by the Office for Publication shall be collected in Kosovo budget.

### Article 15 Appeals

- 1. The Office for Publication of the Official Gazette shall receive appeals concerning errors and deficiencies related to publication of legal acts in Official Gazette, either in printed or in electronic version.
- 2. Deadlines and adequate measures related to appeals to Official Gazette shall be regulated by a separate sub-legal act issued by the Government.

### Article 16 Implementation

Upon proposal of the Office for Publication of the Official Gazette, the Government of Kosovo shall issue relevant legal acts on implementation of this Law, within six (6) months after the entry into force of this Law.

### Article 17 Transformation

Office for the Management and Administration of the Official Gazette of Provisional Institutions of Self-Government in Kosovo shall be transformed into the Office for Publication of the Official Gazette and shall resume all rights and responsibilities of this office.

### Article 18 Repeal of legal acts

The present Law shall repeal the Law No. 2004/47 on Official Gazette of Provisional Institutions of Self-Government in Kosovo and all other legal acts regulating the issue of publication of the Official Gazette.

### Article 19 Entry into force

This Law shall enter into force fifteen (15) days after the publication in Official Gazette of the Republic of Kosovo.

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